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IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A line pressure control apparatus for a ~~V-belt type~~ continuously variable transmission, which includes a primary pulley, ~~and a secondary pulley, and supporting a V belt by sandwiching the same~~ entraining the first and second pulleys, and in which line pressure is generated according to a running condition and oil pressure to be applied to the primary pulley and the secondary pulley is generated from the line pressure, the apparatus comprising:

engine speed detecting means for detecting an engine speed;
line pressure upper limit setting means for setting an upper limit of the line pressure; and
line pressure control means for controlling the line pressure according to the running condition; ~~and,~~

wherein said line pressure upper limit setting means is operable when the engine speed detected by said engine speed detecting means is equal to or higher than a predetermined speed, for setting the upper limit of the line pressure[(:)], and

wherein said line pressure control means controls the line pressure such that the line pressure does not exceed the upper limit of the line pressure set by said line pressure upper limit setting means regardless of the line pressure generated according to the running condition.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A line pressure control apparatus for a ~~V-belt type~~ continuously variable transmission according to claim 1, wherein said line pressure upper limit setting means variably sets the upper limit of the line pressure ~~according to~~ based on the engine speed detected by said engine speed detecting means.

3. (*Currently Amended*) A line pressure control apparatus for a ~~V-belt type~~ continuously variable transmission according to claim 1, further comprising:

range signal detecting means for detecting a range signal outputted from an inhibitor switch[(: and)];

wherein said line pressure upper limit setting means variably sets the upper limit of the line pressure according to the range signal detected by said range signal detecting means.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A line pressure control apparatus for a ~~V-belt type~~ continuously variable transmission according to claim 2, further comprising:

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range signal detecting means for detecting a range signal outputted from an inhibitor switch[[: and]].

wherein said line pressure upper limit setting means variably sets the upper limit of the line pressure according to the range signal detected by said range signal detecting means.

5. (New) A line pressure control apparatus for a continuously variable transmission according to claim 1, further comprising:

range signal detecting means for detecting a range signal output from an inhibitor switch,

wherein said line pressure upper limit setting means sets the upper limit of the line pressure at a value lower than said line pressure generated according to the running condition, when the range signal detected by said range signal detecting means is P or N range.